

Remarks

The Office Action indicates that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 123. Claims 1-62 are pending in the application, of which claims 49-62 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claims 49-62 are hereby canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

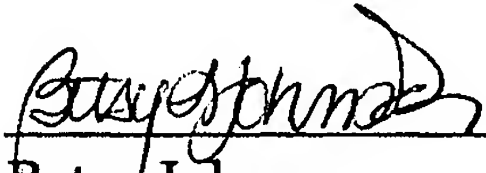
Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowance of claims 1-48. In order to expedite prosecution of the application Applicants have canceled claims 49-62, without waiver or prejudice, and reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing application.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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